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14 Years

In December last year an English court handed out the longest prison sentence ever given to an animal rights activist. Keith Mann was sentenced to 14 years prison after pleading guilty to charges of arson, conspiracy to cause arson, and escaping from custody. (more ALF prisoner news inside)

MAF head office hassled

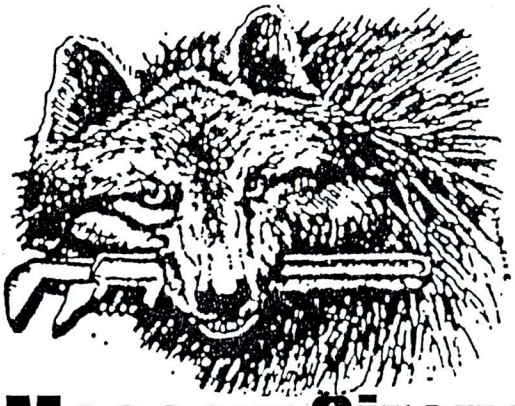
By Dan B. Deaking

Twenty five people picketed the MAF (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries) head office in Wellington on 9 December as a protest against the debeaking of chickens on factory farms. MAF was targeted because even though they admit it is cruel, they pretend it doesn't happen here. When confronted by reporters, a MAF spokesperson tryed to evade the issue in the usual government way. She said the guidelines on debeaking and "how much should be taken off" should be "tightened up"!!!

Media coverage was very anti-MAF but made us out to be "Animal Lovers". This is about as insulting as describing anti-racists as "Nigger Lovers". What they should be talking about is animal liberation, Maybe the SPCA who organised the demo, are happy to be called animal lovers while they eat their free range pork, but if the media are going to call me names I'd rather be an "extremist" or "fanatic" please.

Overseas

British farmers trying to get round a law banning veal crates by exporting live calfs to Europe have been faced with huge protests at harbours and airports. Hundreds of protesters have blocked harbour entrances, smashed up trucks, and chained themselves together to stop the calfs being freighted to veal farms across the channel. A thousand riot police have been used against the nightly protests and many people have been arrested.Since protests started in early January live exports have halved and are likely to stop in the next few weeks.



Moscow Circus.

Three international circuses were expected to tour here over summer, but two have cancelled after newspaper reports that protests were planned in any towns visited by the circuses. But don't relax just yet, the Moscow Circus is due here in March. ANIMAL-INFO will have more details next issue. The last time the Moscow Circus toured there were protests everywhere they went, their advertising posters and banners were ripped down and the ALF renovated half a dozen of their vehicles. Lets make it even worse this time.

Hello

This is the first issue of ANIMAL-INFO. It has been put together by a few people who see the need for an independent source of AR news in New Zealand. For too long the Animal Rights and Anti Vivisection movement here has been small and centralised. We want to encourage independent groups and local activity. We are not particularly interested in promoting large national organisations. They can do that themselves.

For this to work, you have to help us. Send in news of what you or your group has been doing and plans to do, and if possible a contact address. We will let everyone else know.

We hope to do an ANIMAL-INFO every two months but we will put one out more frequently if we get enough news.

HOW TO GET IT

Single copies are available by mail for $1. If you send us $5, we will post you fifteen copies which you can give away or sell to your friends for 50c each (you get profit of $2.50 wow!)

Heroic cop saves the rainforest by stomping on Ronald's chainsaw! (Christchurch-World Food Day)

Anti-McDonald's protest actions.

Several protests were held across the country to celebrate the 10th annual World Anti-McDonald's Day on Saturday October 16. The date was chosen because it is United Nations World Food Day. McDonald's has been criticised as it makes billions of dollars while ruining the environment, contributing to the destruction of rainforests, exploiting workers, murdering animals and selling unhealthy food.

Libel case

This years protests were also designed to draw attention to the major libel case being heard in London this year. McDonald's have sued two environmental activists after they handed out leaflets criticising the multibillion dollar company. Since the case started public criticism of McDonald's has increased.

Protests

Fifty people gathered to protest outside McDonald's in Queen St, Auckland.

In Hamilton protesters performed street theater in which "Ronald McDonald" seized a "cow" and stuffed her into a giant burger.This upset the local McDonald's manager so much he insisted that a friendly policeperson arrest two people. They have been charged with disorderly conduct.

Sponges.

A large crowd gathered outside Manners Mall McDonald's in Wellington to watch protesters lock a "Ronald McNasty" into wooden stocks. Passers-by of all ages joined in throwing wet sponges at the imprisoned Ronald.Several hundred leaflets were distributed.

Chainsaw.

The Christchurch central branch of McDonald's was picketed by more than forty people and Ronald McDonald made an appearance but was prevented from demonstrating how McDonald's contributes to rainforest destruction when a passing police officer temporarily confiscated his chainsaw! The local branch manager later claimed that "Nowhere in the world had McDonald's ever used beef raised on ex rainforest land" even though McDonald's had admitted in the London High Court earlier this year that they have used beef from ex rainforest land (de-forested as recently as ten years ago).

If you would like more information about the McLibel trial, send a donation to The McLibel Support Campaign, P.O. Box14-156, Kilbirnie Wellington. Write to the same address if you want to get in touch with protest organisers in your own area.

This article was stolen from Aotearoa Youth Network newsletter Nov 94

Lilybank Lodge

A new hunting lodge for the rich and infamous has opened near Lake Tekapo. "Hunters" are charged $700 a day to stay at Lilybank Lodge where they are provided with helicopters which are used to chase specially imported deer. Lilybank is owned by Tommy Suharto, son of President Suharto of Indonesia.Since the Suharto family seized power in a military coup in 1967 they have been responsible for the deaths of over half a million people in Indonesia as well as 200,000 people in East Timor.

If anyone has any more information on Lilybank Lodge, i.e. exact location, names of anybody who works there etc, tell us and we will let everyone know.

Pig Factory Farm opens.

New Zealand's biggest pig factory farm is under construction at Te Pirata, central Canterbury. Situated on the north bank of the Rakaia river (between Hororata and Dunsandel) the factory farm is costing $7million and will process 22,000 pigs every year for Huttons Kiwi Ltd. Work started in September and is due to be finished in June/July 1995. 180 breeding sow will be brought in each week starting early December until 1000 sows are on site. the factory will hold over 10,000 pigs at any one time when it reaches full production early in 1996.

The manager is Mr Graeme Tiffen, 175 Idris Rd, Fendalton, Christchurch. Ph (03)351-5339 . .

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

The following is a compilation of ALF actions in New Zealand in the past twelve months that we know of. The information comes from newspaper reports,anonymous reports sent to other magazines, information received by other Animal Lib groups, and radio and TV information.

As stated on the cover, we are willing to publicise any information we are given but we don't want to get in trouble and we don't want you to get in trouble so if you do send us news of any illegal activities, make it anonymous, don't stick your fingerprints or any other evidence on it.

All of the following actions happened in Christchurch.There have been no reports of any ALF activitythat we know of from outside Christchurch.

December 93

Butcher shop sprayed with "MEAT KILLS", locks glued, window smashed.

Fish Shop window broken.

McDonalds in Colombo St gets superglued the night before opening date.

January 94

Cancer Society Shop in New Regent St gets super-glued shut.

February 94

Meat Truck parked on roadside gets vandalised .

June/July 94

Stanmore Butchery locks glued x2, spraypainted x3, owners car gets tyres slashed and "MEAT IS MURDER".

McDonalds gets paint-bombed.

August 94

Cancer Society Office gets spraypainted a week before vivisection fundraising Daffodil Day.(This action got covered by several newspapers and TV).

And on Daffodil Day itself the Cancer Society was spraypainted again (This was described on radio news by Cancer Soc person as a "desecration")

5x National Banks spraypainted,

3x National Banks get the glue.

National Bank Billboard is redecorated with antivivisection slogans.(The bank was the major sponsor of Daffodil Day).

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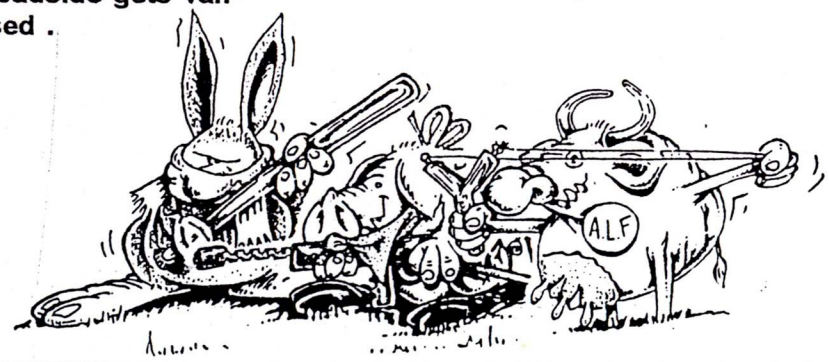

PRISONERS

At present there are around twenty animal rights activists in prison in the U.K., Canada, and the United States.These good people are imprisoned because the state says it is a crime to liberate animals and destroy factory farms and laboratories. Prisons are depressing and isolating. One of the easiest things you can do to help animal rights prisoners through their ordeal is to write a letter or send a postcard. Send us a S.A.E. and we will post you an up to date list of prisoners, or if you have a lot of money write to the addresses below.

North American ALF(SG)
PO Box 8673
Victoria BC
V8X 3S2
CANADA

ALF Supporters Group
BCM 1160
London
WC1N 3XX
England

Use your head. *Both of these groups are in need of cash so don't expect an answer unless you provide an SAE or money.*

NEW PRISONERS

We haven't got space to list all the animal rights prisoners, but here are the most recently imprisoned

Keith Mann,(EE3588)
HMP Wandsworth
PO Box 757
23 Heathfield Rd
London SW18,3HS
England

Keith is appealing against a 14 year prison sentence after a Judge decided that Keith was a "meat hating fanatic" and locked him up.

Lise Olsen,(B48426)
PO Box 50001,
Dwight, IL 60420,
USA

Lise Olsen is a Chicago activist who has been sentenced to 4yrs for "possession of inceindary devices". The items in question were actually home made lanterns used to light up an anti fur banner!

Rodney Adam
Coronado, (F4445)
Newaygo County Jail,
PO Box 845,
White Cloud,
MI 49349, USA

Rod Coronado was finally captured by the US Govt last September after two years on the run. He has been charged in connection with several arsons and burglarys that took place at fur industry research labs and farms. If found guilty he may be imprisoned for up to fifty years.

LATE ALF NEWS

Christchurch ALF celebrated world Vegan Day in style on November 1st. The Canterbury Frozen Meat company office was splashed with paint and graffitti and superglue was put into all the door locks. A frozen Chicken van had its tyres slashed and body redecorated free of charge the same evening. **Thanks to S.S. for this late news**

Are you having trouble with waste disposal? Why not post all your household rubbish to Australia & New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research & Teaching. This is a pro-vivisection group and the address is . .

ANZCCART
PO Box 598
Wellington

Another Prisoner of War

The UK ALF Press Officer (Robin Webb) has been remanded in custody after being charged with an obscure public order law. This is clearly an attempt to shut him up. Robins job does not involve breaking any laws, he simply makes himself available to the media to explain why ALF activists take non-violent direct action against animal abusers property. As the authorities don't want people to know what happens to animals and what people are doing to help them, they have forcibly given Robin a new address:

Robin Webb VV1370
HMP Winchester
Rommsey Rd, Winchester
SO22 5DY
England

Coming up . . .

MARCH: The Moscow Circus will be touring, if you find out any info send it to us and we will spread it round.

APRIL: 40th anniversary of McDonald's first shop opening. Big demo in Wellington on **15th**, or organise in your local area (contact McLibel Campaign for details)

World Day for Lab Animals on the **24th** events planned in Chch and probably other areas too (we'll let you know)

Anarchist Conference in Wellington over Easter (PO Box 14 156, Wellington for info)

If you've got anything planned and you need some more people write to us before the end of Feb. PO Box 22-459 Chch

Fun with Phones

Gillette the vivisectors have been getting a bit of harassment lately. Their freephone number has been widely publicised and in early December hundreds of **"Gillette Tortures Animals"** posters appeared around Wellington asking people to boycott Gillette products and to complain on Gillettes toll free number

0800-108-909

Addresses.

A.L.A.R.M.

Box 22 301, Christchurch
A newly-formed animal rights group which will be based at Canterbury University this year.

Vegan Society

P.O. Box 26 356,
Epsom, Auckland
They have a large library of information on veganism and other animal rights stuff. They also print 'Vegan Voice' , but not often.

McLibel Support Campaign

PO Box 14-156 Wellington NZ
Provides info on McDonalds vs London activists libel trial and coordinates local AntiMcDonalds protests

Vegetarian Resource Centre

2nd Floor, Sharp Building
264 Cuba St Wellington.
Open 3-5pm weekdays, Eric can provide you with lots of info on animal rights, vegetarianism, veganism and related issues. Leaflets, shirts and vegan junkfood available.

Things to read

Aotearoa Youth Network Magazine - 111 Moray Place Dunedin $10 for 12 issues/year. regular news on environment, student politics (yuk!), and peace. They print your stuff - write something to them

The State Adversary - PO Box 9263, Wellington $10 for 4 issues/year. NZs longest running anarchist magazine

Savage State - PO Box ~~22-301~~ 13585 Christchurch. $2 per issue. Loud punk rock/class war zine. Angry ranting and tons of practical advice for activists who want to get things done.

This is the A.L.F. This booklet explains why, and how the New Zealand Animal Liberation Front do what they do. Send us $2 and we will post you a copy. (Entertainment purposes only)

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